(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the medical officers who were not paid travelling allowance, as also the amounts due to them ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 556 25 chs. 12 c.

(*b*) A statement* containing the information required is laid on the table.

Teaching of Malayalam in the Vernacular Schools, Shencottah.

6. MR. T. LAKSHMANA PILLAI (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) whether Mr. Subrahmanya Sastri, Inspector of Vernacular Schools, has ordered the Headmaster of the Vernacular Middle School, Shencottah, to enforce the teaching of Malayalam instead of Tamil; and

(ii) whether, setting aside a teacher qualified in Tamil, he has posted a teacher qualified in Malayalam to the Samburvadakara Vernacular Middle School.

(*b*) Are the Government aware that Mr. Subrahmanya Sastri's actions are inconsistent with the Government's recent declaration that Shencottah will be regarded as a Tamil taluk?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) The answer is in the negative.

(*a*) (ii) and (*b*) The Inspector of Vernacular Schools posted a teacher whose mother-tongue is Tamil, but who holds only a Malayalam School Leaving Certificate. This was in ignorance of the fact that a teacher qualified in Tamil had already been posted temporarily by the local Assistant Inspector. The matter is being pursued.

Hostel for Women in Trivandrum.

7. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that nearly 200 women are now undergoing instruction in the several colleges in Trivandrum;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the majority of them are from outside Trivandrum;

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